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FOR COMMISSION, DPAO, CAO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO REPEAT NO OBJECTION TO WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE WITH BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES AND U.S. PROFESSOR GRANTEES REGARDING THE USES TO WHICH UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PUT, PROVIDED THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED AT THE OUTSET. THEREFORE IF THE COMMISSION PLANS TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER HOW MUCH OF THE UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION FOR ANY GIVEN GRANTEE IS ACTUALLY SPENT FOR THAT GRANTEE'S BENEFIT, OR THE USES TO WHICH SUCH UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION MAY BE PUT, THEN THESE POINTS MUST BE SPELLED OUT IN DETAIL IN THE COMMISSION'S INITIAL LETTER OF AWARD TO THE GRANTEE. ONLY WITH THIS COMPLETE INFORMATION CAN THE GRANTEE MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE GRANT. WHEN, AS IN THE MCCANN CASE, THE GRANTEE LEARNS THE ACTUAL FINANCIAL DETAILS OF HIS GRANT AND UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTION TOWARD IT ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE HE IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE

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SERIOUS PROBLEMS IF THE TERMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. NOT ONLY DOES THE GRANTEE FEEL HE HAS BEEN MISLED AS TO FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE GRANT, BUT WHEN HE IS GOING FOR A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE OF COURSE MADE VARIOUS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS NOT EASILY UNDONE, AND HIS HOME UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE CHOSEN SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE OVER HIS TEACHING DUTIES FOR HIS YEAR'S ABSENCE.

2. FAILURE TO TAKE THESE STEPS WILL EXPOSE THE COMMISSION POST AND DEPARTMENT TO SEVERE CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE A DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET. IT MIGHT WELL ALSO LEAD TO DIFFICULT AUDIT PROBLEMS FOR THE COMMISSION AND POSSIBLY DAMAGE RELATIONS WITH THE BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES CONCERNED. KISSINGER

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